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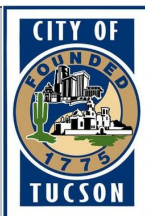
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# Ward 6 Newsletter

## Tucson First

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We had a very similar shot at the end of the football season. Congratulations to Coach Miller, his staff and the team. Best of luck as they begin their 2<sup>nd</sup> season in the tournament.



### Important Phone Numbers

**Tucson Police  
Department**  
911 or nonemergency  
791-4444

**Water Issues**  
791-4133  
Emergency: 791-4133

**Street Maintenance**  
791-3154

**Graffiti Removal**  
792-2489

**Abandoned  
Shopping Carts**  
791-3171

**Neighborhood  
Resources**  
837-5013

**SunTran/SunLink**  
792-9222

**Environmental  
Services**  
791-3171

**Park Wise**  
791-5071

**Planning and  
Development  
Services** 791-5550

**Pima County Animal  
Control**  
243-5900

**Pima County Vector  
Control**  
Cockroach: 443-6501  
Mosquito: 740-2760

## Continued: A Message From Steve

### Just the Text

The Dilbert people sent me a letter telling me I can't use their cartoons any longer unless I pay for them. But they can't charge for the text alone. This example is relevant to much of what follows, below.

***"Never base your budget requests on realistic assumptions, as this could lead to a decrease in your funding."***

— Scott Adams, Dilbert

### Economic Development



The title of this section and the education graphic appearing together isn't a mistake. Regardless of how the numbers end up in the State's budget, the simple fact that they rolled out their proposed reductions in education spending is yet another black eye for the State. We had SB1070, SB1062, we're the butt of jokes in national media over some of the gun bills that are suggested, and now we can safely add to that a budget that sends a very clear message that our State is investing more in the prison industry than in workforce development.

Unless you're Corrections Corporation of America, that's not a real swell way to attract new businesses or young professional families.

The UA is taking around a \$30M hit this year. The State University system is taking a hit of \$100M. Pima Community College, while in the midst of reaccreditation, is being zeroed out by the State. The technical training program JTED could be placed in the position of shutting down programs. But we're building another 1,000 beds in our medium security facilities.

Those metrics don't make raising a family in or moving a business to this State more appealing. And that from the Legislature and Governor who suggest they're all about economic development.

The deal's not done until it's signed by the Governor. Take a position, and let him know how you feel.

Last Thursday evening, I was pleased to join many others down at the State Building in Tucson, rallying to send the message to Ducey that what's on the table is unacceptable. At the rally were educators from Vail, TUSD, Sunnyside, the UA, Pima College, JTED, the TUSD School Board, students from young to UA age, and simply people who care about preserving the education budget. That rally was pulled together in less than a day by Cheryl Cage, Chair of the Pima County Democratic Party. But I saw people with t-shirts reading "Young Republican Club" also there showing support. I believe a broad participation is significantly important, on a totally non-partisan basis.



### Important Phone Numbers

Senator John  
McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff  
Flake (R)  
520-575-8633

Congresswoman  
Martha McSally (R)  
(2<sup>nd</sup> District)  
(202) 225-2542

Congressman  
Raul Grijalva (D)  
(3<sup>rd</sup> District)  
520-622-6788

Governor Doug  
Ducey (R)  
602-542-4331  
Tucson office:  
628-6580

Mayor Jonathan  
Rothschild  
791-4201

While that was going on, across town another rally was taking place. This one included a diverse group of K-12 Superintendents, Board members, and others from the community. The roster of speakers was Alan Storm, superintendent of JTED, Governing Board president Adelita Grijalva, Board Clerk Kristel Foster, Calvin Baker, Vail Unified School District superintendent, Dr. Manuel Valenzuela, Sahuarita Unified School superintendent, Dr. Eugenia Favela, Sunnyside Superintendent, Ricky Hernandez, chief financial officer for the Pima County School Superintendent, and Mike Varney and Tony Penn from the Tucson Metro Chamber of Commerce. You likely saw coverage of the large rally going on at the State Capitol. Many of us who have the responsibility for balancing public sector budgets appreciate the many voices speaking up in support of preserving our education dollars. If you agree, don't wait to get involved.

The budget was rammed through the State Legislature after hours on a weekend. It was heavily rumored that was going to be the tactic. I'll return to that theme of non-transparency a bit later on in the newsletter.

### Film Incentives

Oddly though, there seems to be a renewed interest in Phoenix in establishing a State Film Office. They won't consider an effective incentive Bill, but getting the office into place would in effect be laying out a welcome mat for the industry. Currently, between Tucson and Phoenix, over 100 film related events come to the State annually. With a Film Office coordinating and facilitating, rural areas will also benefit – with the tax benefits that will accrue to the General Fund of the jurisdictions playing host. The State will also see a return on investment. It might keep a teacher employed.

I've shared this before, but the impact on local small businesses (catering, hotels, car rentals, lumber, set-dressing, restaurants, etc.) is huge when a film comes to town. Our tourism industry benefits, as well. If you'd like to see confirmation of that, go to [visittucson.org](http://visittucson.org) and check out what they have to say about a film office.

To share your support, you can send emails to Rene Guillen, the Governor's Policy Advisor for Government and Transportation at [rguillen@az.gov](mailto:rguillen@az.gov). It's worth a try – again.

### More Budget – Jail Costs



I've also shared before that the State is passing jail board costs down to the County. The City pays the County for housing our prisoners, so the added costs the County will have to absorb are going to be shared with us. It is not a tax increase in Phoenix, but it is to us locally. In an effort to help curb our jail costs, I've joined with the Mayor and Paul in bringing to our March 17<sup>th</sup> study session an item in which we'll review models being used in other locales that help keep people out of jail, thereby reducing costs and allowing non-violent offenders to hold their lives together. An example I support is to consider something along the lines of the Mesa Municipal Court electronic monitoring program. It's essentially a pre-trial release, in lieu of bond.

What they do is allow a defendant to be released, wearing a GPS monitored ankle bracelet.

ZoomTucson Map  
<http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/>



Mesa has used it with over 1,700 people since 2008. They estimate about a \$1,000 per person savings versus sending the person to jail. They're also able to shorten the time to a court date, saving more money. Less time in jail, the ability for the defendant to retain a job – lots of upsides.

The costs of the equipment are minimal compared to the cost savings involved in avoiding jail. In addition, freeing up jail space leaves room for those who should legitimately be incarcerated. I'm hopeful we have the support on M&C to direct staff to move in this direction. We'll see on the 17<sup>th</sup>. We pay the County for every day a person is in the County jail. In addition to the humanitarian element of this policy proposal, it makes fiscal sense.

I know the Mayor is interested in what's called a Long Form proposal. It has to do with how we choose which charges are actually filed. Paul has long supported an 'amnesty day' on which people who owe fines we will otherwise simply write off as uncollectable are given the chance to come in and pay a portion of what they owe, wiping out the rest from their record. Each of these, along with the Mesa model I'm suggesting, will help us curb costs that are otherwise being shifted downstream from Phoenix.

The State Budget is having huge side effects in multiple ways at all levels of government. If we can make some changes in our jail board costs and get a Film Office into play, some of the negatives will be mitigated. The operative word there is 'some.' The impacts on the education system are going to be devastating.

### **Housing Fund Sweeps**

There's more.

The State is also proposing to sweep \$15M of the remaining National Mortgage Settlement Funds in order to fund the deficit. If they do, these programs will effectively be ended:

- Veterans with service-related disabilities needing help with accessibility improvements in their homes / funds will end – program will stop.
- People impacted by foreclosure will lose access to job training and employment services assistance.
- Families who have lost their homes due to foreclosure or who are being evicted from a foreclosed home will no longer have access to relocation assistance.

In the past two years, over 20,000 Arizonans have benefitted from these programs. Even the Attorney General's Office issued a press release that spoke to their success. Here's an excerpt:

*The statewide network of partners funded through the national mortgage settlement reached an important milestone by providing aid to approximately 20,700 Arizonans through an array of assistance programs:*

*138 families received zero-interest, forgivable loans totaling over \$5.2 million from the AZ Mortgage Relief Fund for past due payments, principal reduction, or re-finance;*

*6,487 borrowers have received foreclosure prevention, financial and pre-purchase*

*counseling by HUD-approved housing counselors;  
 1,117 foreclosure cases were investigated by the legal aid teams and another 12,300  
 people received self-help legal education;  
 558 applications for relocation funds were taken from people who lost their home or  
 were evicted due to foreclosure, or are facing an unaffordable rent increase;  
 62 people have received job training and employment services to help them improve  
 their earning power or find work;  
 The newest program in Maricopa and Pima counties will fund accessibility improve-  
 ments for 106 veterans with service-connected disabilities that can't afford to make  
 them and maintain their mortgage.*

This is the tip of an iceberg – education, jail costs, film industry, housing assistance. There's a meter running on this being signed into law. If you're so inclined, let the folks up in Phoenix know how you feel.

### **Gun Bills**



*"If the government has enough money for teachers' firearms and firearms training, why doesn't it have enough money for school supplies and professional equipment?" Anon.*

Up above I said I'd have more to say about transparency. If they won't allow for it in the budget, I've made a formal request that it be done with respect to some gun related legislation.

Last week, Cheryl Cage, the Pima County Democratic Party Chair, and I let a few Legislators know how we feel about some of the gun legislation that's making its way towards the Governor's desk. In fact, we sent a joint letter requesting public records from three of them on issues related to one Bill in particular, as well as their interactions relative to the Tucson M&C and the Pima County Democratic Party. Here's what we sent off:

*RE: Public Records Request*

*Under the Arizona Public Records Law, S 39.101, et seq., we are requesting copies of the following public records:*

- a) All email correspondence by State Senators Steve Smith, John Kavanagh, and Kelli Ward related to SB1291.*
- b) All email correspondence by State Senators Steve Smith, John Kavanagh, and Kelli Ward related to their work on the Senate Public Safety, Military and Technology Committee in which the Tucson City Council or any individual member thereof is discussed.*
- c) All email correspondence by State Senators Steve Smith, John Kavanagh and Kelli Ward related to their work on the Senate Public Safety, Military and Technology Committee in which the Pima County Democratic Party is discussed.*

*This information is being sought for non-commercial purposes and as such we request a waiver of any fees otherwise associated with this request.*

*In as much as we are requesting email correspondence, complying with this request in the form of forwarding relevant emails to our attention will be considered sufficient. Email to the following addresses:*

xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

*If you deny any part of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information.*

The Bill we've referenced is the one that potentially holds an elected official civilly responsible if a gun-related Ordinance that's passed is later found to be pre-empted by State law. I've shared the text of the Bill in earlier newsletters. Last month during a committee hearing on the Bill, January 8<sup>th</sup> survivor Pat Maisch was up in Phoenix testifying in the Senate Committee I named in the letter. She had an exchange with a couple of the members during which it became very clear that the Bill had some personal intent. I was named – and we know Tucson in general is often the target of these measures. Learning that, I felt we might as well get the record, put it out into the public realm, and let you see what they're saying about us in this region.

We asked for emails related to the Bill. I've had an email exchange with our City Attorney on the Bill, too. Here's our correspondence, from Tuesday, 2/10 of this year:

>>> Mike Rankin 02/10/15 7:02 PM >>>

*repeat of a bill Jan B vetoed last year. Aimed at our ordinances re: stolen gun reporting and Jenna's law; provides for penalties against city officials who enact a law relating to firearms.*

<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/52leg/1r/bills/sb1291p.pdf>

My reply went like this:

*We have a \$1B State deficit - glad they're busy solving that.*

*Thanks – SteveK*

Remember the item I had in a recent newsletter describing another Bill they're moving that will eliminate from public scrutiny the process they go through in deliberating Bills? If it passes, Public Records Requests will pretty much become a moot point. In this case, I frankly expect to be stonewalled because the people who produce the requested records are the ones responsible for disclosing them – there's no proxy through which Public Records Requests are sent up at the Legislature. It's an honor system. Think about that concept and how contrary it is to legitimate public access to seeing how they're interacting on legislation.

Cheryl and I wanted them to know we're paying attention and that we here in Tucson and Pima County aren't going to simply sit and allow their foolish and personally motivated laws be inflicted on us or you, our constituents.

### **Broadway Widening**

As it stands right now, the public comment period for Broadway will continue until the Citizen Task Force meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>. That meeting will begin at 5:30 over at Our Sav-

ior's Lutheran Church – 1200 N. Campbell. I had asked for the two week meter to begin when all of the options were made public. That was done on March 5<sup>th</sup>, and the comments will in fact be received until the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Staff has conducted a review of the proposed alignment and has determined that they cannot accommodate the six lanes of roadway contained in that alignment within the existing road-bed. They contend that doing so would not allow for future mass transit, and that it also poses other challenges related to utilities, elevations, drainage, and accessibility. I've asked for clarification on each of those, as well as how the proposed alignment looks in terms of demolition/acquisition/relocation costs.

Thanks to Linda Dobbyn for sharing an article from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The report is entitled "*Older, Smaller Buildings Are Key to Neighborhood Vitality.*" The research presented demonstrates how neighborhoods that are able to protect, preserve and repurpose older, smaller buildings are more economically sustainable and culturally vibrant than those that bulldoze what's there and replace it with only larger, newer buildings. Here's a short excerpt that makes the point:

*The report shows how neighborhoods with a mix of older and newer buildings outperform newer neighborhoods in terms of opportunities for small locally-owned businesses and for local cultural outlets. Older neighborhoods are highly walkable, appeal to young professionals and retirees, and offer a wide array of arts and entertainment options.*

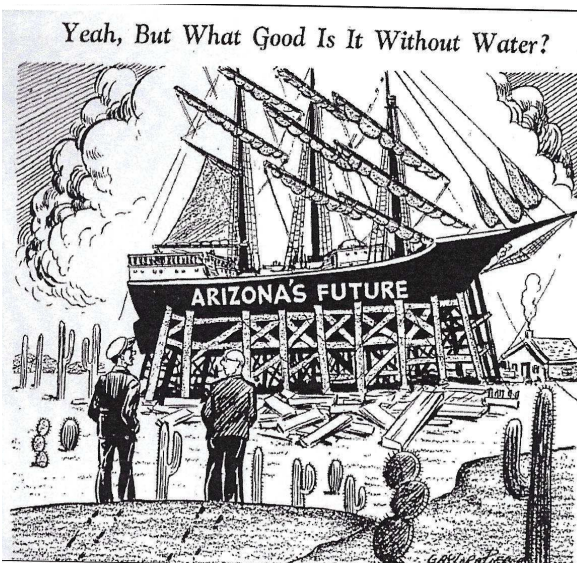
That's dead-on what the CTF and staff have heard from the public at virtually every public forum held on this project since the design work began. Continue to participate by way of submitting your comments and attending the public forums. I'll do the same. The community deserves a decision on an alignment, and it deserves to have one in which the functionality of the corridor is preserved, along with as much of the built environment as is feasible.

You can see the full report, along with graphic images of what's currently on the table, by going to [tucsonaz.gov/broadway](http://tucsonaz.gov/broadway).

### Water Items

The State budget items I began with – including funding for education, a film incentive Bill, jail costs and the rest – all relate to economic development in our State. The Broadway alignment and how we manage that process is equally an economic development issue. This graphic puts all of those efforts into perspective, though:

The good news is that we're using less water overall than we did in years past. There are multiple factors driving that trend including legislation, taking agricultural uses out of production, and a huge education push in Southern Arizona that has enabled us to become a





significant repository for stored water supplies that'll pay important dividends *when* a shortage is declared on Lake Mead. I've shared graphics of what's happening on the Lake in previous newsletters.

If you're a water utility, having customers buy less of what you produce isn't necessarily a good thing. Last week, the Southern Arizona Water Users Association held a conference in which they laid out what many experts in the field see as challenges we need to continue planning for – starting today. This graphic shows both the trends in population growth in relation to water use, but also a list of challenges being faced by the industry (and by extension, by all of us. We're all in this together.)

Population is increasing, but water use is declining. And yet, there's a structural deficit built into how much we have and how much we use. In fairness, it needs to be pointed out that Arizona leads in having planned for addressing water shortages, but regardless of the planning, it doesn't change the inherent need to continue to work on ways to preserve and responsibly use that precious natural resource.

M&C have adopted a tight water policy that addresses growth and how we manage whether or not Tucson Water serves sprawl. We're also in the midst of expanding options for you to receive rebates that'll help fund water efficient fixtures in your home and business, and rainwater harvesting cisterns and curb cuts in your neighborhoods. I'm spending some time on this because we'll soon be talking again about those rebates, as well as water rates. A piece of that is understanding how conservation both affects the utility's fiscal ability to operate, but also how we need to balance that with the reality of living in a desert and having to continue planning for tomorrow.

With that in mind, here's something you and your neighborhood group might want to consider.



Working together towards sustainable solutions

These are a couple of before/after images of what has been done in several mid-town neighborhoods by using Conserve to Enhance (C2E) grants. Watershed Management Group serves as a good facilitator for information and implementation of the Grants.





The project goals include things such as increasing natural vegetation and riparian habitat near washes, reducing run-off, and just beautifying neighborhoods. Of course, there's much more the C2E money achieves, and the WMG folks can walk you through all of that, but from the 30,000 foot level, those are some achievable goals.

We've seen the money go to rain gardens along streets, parking lots, and public spaces more generally. You've likely driven past many of them without even recognizing it was C2E work that you were enjoying. Give us a call at the Ward 6 Office and we'll be happy to get you headed in the right direction as far as applying for some of these opportunities goes. The success of these grants relies on neighborhood involvement, so make sure you've got a support group lined up.

### **More on Neighborhood Volunteers**



We hear plenty about the challenges neighborhoods face with respect to UA student behavior. Last weekend, the UA Mortar Board, along with dozens of other undergrad volunteers, spent the better part of Saturday morning cleaning up areas in five different neighborhoods. Those included Catalina Vista, Feldman's, Jefferson Park, El Cortez, and Northwest. In all there were nearly 200 young people involved in the work. I know we in Catalina Vista are very appreciative of their efforts. I'm sure that holds true for the other four neighborhoods that benefitted.

When people reach out into the community to do good things, they deserve recognition. Thanks to the UA students who worked so hard on Saturday.

### **Ward 6 PDSO Permits, Etc.**

Another neighborhood-related item is the exchange I've had recently with Planning & Development Services staff with respect to my requesting early notice when various changes are headed towards Ward 6. There were four areas in particular.

We have had some very recent examples of demolition permits being either posted or issued after it was clear the work was imminent or already being done. I've taken the position that the City should let you know if the house you live next door to is going to be taken down. That's not in an effort to stop the work, but solely as a courtesy to let you know what's coming. Last week, PDSO staff agreed to give us at the Ward 6 office notice when over-the-counter permits are issued. When the demolition is for a historic structure in an HPZ, there are processes beyond that Department which already include public notice provisions. Staff is now sending demo permit applications for structures that are 50-years-old over to the Office of Integrated Planning and the Historic Preservation Office. I've asked those offices to similarly advise me and my staff when they receive those notices.

We have Homeowners' Associations that don't get the same notice of rezonings and other projects as do City registered neighborhood associations. I've asked that HOAs receive the same treatment. In fact, they can and do when they *qualify* as a City-recognized association. Those that don't qualify typically have Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions (CCRs) that were adopted decades ago and that still contain objectionable, discriminatory standards. I've

gone through some of these with a couple of neighborhoods, neither of which even realized that the terms still existed. In every case, they took immediate steps to modernize their CCRs. I've reached out to some others and suggested a dusting-off of the old language would be what's needed in order to get onto the notice list for City work.

We recently had a new tenant move into an old Post Office in the ward. The zoning was in place for the type of use proposed, but that use was of a nature that surrounding residents, churches, and schools felt concerned that they might experience collateral damage. Since no rezoning was involved, nobody got word ahead of time. Knowing what was coming may not have changed the outcome, but it would have allowed me and my office to engage early with the new tenants and bring them together with those who had/have concerns. Early dialogue can help alleviate concerns, or if not, at least get the issues on the table so everybody is on record and accountable. To be better prepared for these sorts of issues coming up again, my office will be sent bi-weekly lists of all development activity that's going to occur in Ward 6. It may not contain all of the needed red flags because what we'll see is only what's on the applications for permits, but we will at least see changes in 'users/tenants' that will allow us to do some homework on what may be coming.

Finally, Zoning Administrator (ZA) decisions are made at an administrative level and are not regularly posted to the City website to alert affected parties of changes. They need to be impartially rendered, but if they're not made public even after the fact, people who are savvy to our development code (UDC) won't know what, if anything, has been done to potentially modify interpretations. I've got staff in agreement that all ZA determinations will be posted to the City website, and affected properties will be advised of the determinations. With that, we'll be able to assess whether or not the UDC has effectively been amended outside of the required public process. It'll be another set of eyes, the purpose of which will be to ensure that everybody is operating from the same code book.

These items are all about communication, process, and accountability. I'm grateful to staff for their openness to these suggestions and hopeful the changes will at least minimize some of the surprises we've encountered out in the field recently.

### **Charter Review Meeting**

Along the lines of changes to how we do business, and by way of reminder, we're hosting a Ward 6 forum on the Charter revisions that are now being considered by the Citizen Committee. On Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, both of my appointees to the Committee will be joined by City Attorney Mike Rankin to meet with you and discuss what's on the table. Areas I'm familiar with that they'll discuss include financial changes (our Bonding capacity), governance changes (Mayoral power and Ward-only elections), and Civil Service protections for City staff.

The Charter is our Constitution. We've used it twice in the last couple of years to fend off over-reach by the State Legislature in how we conduct our elections. On matters of primarily local concern, it trumps the State. The changes we're going to be asked to consider placing on the ballot are therefore really important. Your input is what the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> is all about. There are two other community presentations – one way out east, and one way out on the southwest side. This will be your only chance to participate in a midtown

forum on this topic. I hope you can make it and let these guys know your thoughts.

### American Public Works Association

When I started this work back in 2009, Donovan Durband was one of my first hires. He did a great job while working at the Ward 6 Office and we were sorry to see him jump ship to become the Park Tucson head guy. Last week he received the 2015 Public Works Employee of the Year award. Donovan was the one who facilitated the extensive public outreach for the new smart parking meter system we're implementing while working the procurement side of the change as well. He's a well deserving recipient of this award.

Ann Chanecka runs our Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. I'm in pretty regular touch with Ann on areas related to urban walkability measures, how we can make the Streetcar corridor safer for bikes/peds, increasing bike parking around the new student towers, and now kicking off a City Bike Share program. Her involvement in these and plenty more similar programs won her the 2015 Professional Award of Merit from the APWA. As with Donovan, it's a well-deserved recognition.

I noted the UA Mortar Board and students for their hard work. These two City staffers deserve to be recognized, as well.

### Adopt-a-Pet

I can't go a full newsletter without some mention of how you can help give a home to a needy puppy or kitten. There's a mega-adoption event coming up on April 11<sup>th</sup> over at the Tucson Expo Center (3750 E Irvington). Animal-related sponsors include the Valley Animal Hospital, Humane Society, Pima Animal Care Center, and the Southern Arizona Veterinary Association. The event also has a lot of corporate support, shown on the graphic below. As I've advocated in the past, if you can give a great home to a new furry friend, please consider attending this expo and checking into the options they'll have. Remember, a part of the transaction is them also checking to make sure the homes are safe, loving, and committed. If you care enough to go, I suspect you won't have any trouble getting over that bar.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik  
Council Member, Ward 6

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Come and meet  
your new  
best friend.  
Join us for  
Southern Arizona's  
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at the Tucson  
Expo Center

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Palo Verde & Alvernon



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Adopt Love Adopt Local is an activity organized by Pima Alliance for Animal Welfare, an initiative of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona.

## Events and Entertainment

### **Adoption Fees Waived at PACC**

Pima Animal Care Center, 4000 N. Silverbell Rd.

Through March 31, 2015, Weekdays 12 pm – 7 pm, Saturdays & Sundays 10 am – 5 pm

Adoption fees for all animals at the Pima Animal Care Center are being waived for the remainder of March due to an unusually high number of animals being brought to the shelter. Licensing fees of \$15 per adult dog will still be applicable.

<http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=189718>

### **Palo Verde Neighborhood Pocket Park Dedication**

3330 E Fairmount St.

Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 5:27 pm

Please join us for the Conserve2Enhance (C2E) Dedication of the Palo Verde Neighborhood Pocket Park. This Tucson C2E project transformed a barren Tucson Water well site into a lovely pocket park in the central city. The event will take place at sunset.

## Ongoing . . . .

**Fox Theatre**, 17 W Congress St

[www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org](http://www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org)

**Hotel Congress**, 311 E Congress St

<http://hotelcongress.com>

**Loft Cinema**, 3233 E Speedway Blvd

[www.loftcinema.com](http://www.loftcinema.com)

**Rialto Theatre**, 318 E Congress St

<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

**The Rogue Theatre** at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd

<http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm>

**Arizona Theater Company**, 330 S Scott Ave

<http://www.arizonatheatre.org/>

**UA Mineral Museum**, 1601 E University Blvd

**February 7, 2015– January 31 2016, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**'Meet the Trilobites - Arizona's First Inhabitants'** - Long before the dinosaurs ruled the earth, the trilobites ruled the seas. Ancient relatives of lobsters and horseshoe crabs, trilobites flourished in the warm seas that covered much of Arizona millions of years ago.

*Meet the Trilobites – Arizona's First Inhabitants*, the new exhibit at the Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium, features world-class trilobite fossils from around the globe. Come travel back in time and discover the wondrous world of trilobites!

<http://www.uamineralmuseum.org/>



**Southern Arizona Transportation Museum**, 414 N Toole Ave.

Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org>

**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N Main Ave

[www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org](http://www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org)

**Meet Me at Maynards**, 311 E Congress St (north entrance on Toole)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

[www.MeetMeatMaynards.com](http://www.MeetMeatMaynards.com)

**Tucson Botanical Gardens**, 2150 N Alvernon Way

<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

**Jewish History Museum**, 564 S Stone Ave

[www.jewishhistorymuseum.org](http://www.jewishhistorymuseum.org)

**Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S 6<sup>th</sup> Ave

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

[www.childrensmuseumtucson.org](http://www.childrensmuseumtucson.org)

**Arizona State Museum**, 1013 E University Blvd

November 9, 2013, through July 2015, “Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios.”

[www.statemuseum.arizona.edu](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu)